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Dr. Joshua Lederberg Department of Genetics Stanford University School of Medicine Palo Alto, California

Dear Josh:

It has been a privilege and an honor to have been associated with the early work of the President's Panel on Mental Retardation.

Frankly, most committee work is somewhat boring. However, I felt you helped to ameliorate that by your astute, honest and refreshing observations and remarks.

Seriously, one of the important rewards to me of the past six months of work with the Panel has been getting to know people like you.

I wish to extend my best wishes for the continued success and effectiveness of the Panel's work. there is any way I can be of further help to you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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